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In re Application of

GRIFFIN

Application No. 10/619,154

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 25, 2006 and re-submitted October 31, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age, must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes the driver's license and affidavit of inventor James Patrick Griffin, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3634 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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